



Public Works

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This is an exciting time in our tenure as we continue our momentum in the Mayor's second term. Public Works recently celebrated the completion of \$150 million in Quality of Life Bond projects. These include sidewalks, speed humps, road improvements and the installation of functional/decorative features called Streetscapes. These projects directly enhance places where our residents and visitors, live, work and play. This year we also published the Solid Waste Management Plan which governs the city's disposition of solid waste for the next decade, and we're looking forward to the next 50 years. Long-term forecasting includes development of solid waste service centers; and we have a community advisory board to help in that process. These and many other vital projects are part of DPW's continued service commitment. Public Works - Working for Atlanta; Working for you.

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City Public Works announces three new Red Light Camera locations during National Stop On Red Week

The City of Atlanta recently recognized National Stop on Red Week (Aug. 6-12) by announcing three new Red Light Cameras within City limits. The new cameras are located at the following intersections: **Courtland Street & Baker Street, W. Paces Ferry & Northside Parkway, and North Avenue & Spring Street.** The previously installed locations are Peachtree Road & Lenox Road, Peachtree Road & Piedmont Road, Buford Highway & Lenox Road, Northside Parkway and West Paces Ferry Road. Nationwide, red light cameras have been credited for reduction in certain types of intersection crashes. These cameras are critical to the City's efforts in reducing red light running accidents. Red light running is a major causes of crashes, deaths, and injuries at intersections. Most recent crash statistics show that nearly 1,000 Americans were killed and 176,000 were injured in 2003 due to red light running related crashes. The monetary impact of crashes nationwide is about \$14 billion annually. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) support a comprehensive approach to intersection safety that incorporates engineering, education, and enforcement countermeasures to prevent red light running and improve intersection safety.



City of Atlanta Forms Community Advisory Board for Input on Solid Waste Facility Planning

To ensure continued community input in the City's planning process for solid waste management, Mayor Shirley Franklin has established the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC). The committee will advise in establishing criteria for assessing and comparing potential solid waste facility sites as part of the Facility Master Plan (FMP) process. The plan, which is expected to be completed in early 2007, will guide the site selection and development of service centers to accommodate Atlanta's future municipal waste needs. The FMP is a component of the City of Atlanta's, state-mandated Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan, which outlines strategies and policies for operations, disposal, and waste reduction for the City for the next ten years. That plan was completed in 2005 and is available on the city website. Currently, the City's solid waste bureau serves nearly 90,000 residential households and processes more than 790,000 tons of municipal solid waste each year; and the demand for services is increasing. With a 50-year planning premise and the goal of "zero waste", the City's Office of Solid Waste Services began to assess the need for increased services, maximized efficiency and improved infrastructure in 2004. SWAC members will discuss community needs, issues and opportunities regarding current and future solid waste needs. They will also attend various community meetings during their tenure, which lasts through the end of 2006. Members of the SWAC are: **Ralph Cleveland**, Atlanta Gas Light; **Jeremy Crampton**, Georgia State University; **Dr. Vivien Davenport**, International Preparatory Institute; **Felecia Davis**, Environmental Justice Center, Clark Atlanta University; **Michelle Dawkins**, Clark Atlanta University; **Leon Eplan**, Eplan Consulting; **Virgilio Perez-Pascoe**, Community Media Services; **Joyie Gibson**, Bank of America; **Tim Goodson**, Atlanta Gas Light; **David Gustashaw**, Interface Inc; **Richard Hood**, Martin Luther King Merchant Association; **Angie Laurie**, Central Atlanta Progress; **Calvin Maddox**, Community; **Robert Mowrey**, Alston & Bird; **Majiyd Nurse**, high school student in Atlanta's Next Step

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Did you know?

■ **If you bring an empty ink cartridge to Office Depot, they will give you a FREE ream of paper (limit 1 per visit). So don't discard cartridges. Trade them!**

■ Some offices use 300 hundred reams of paper, which equals 150,000 sheets, in one year. Since most printouts are drafts, you should stack them and reprint on the blank side. That would save money and reduce the waste stream!

■ In 2005 the Department of Public Works, Office of Transportation repaved 85 miles of roadway. This is more paving than the city has accomplished in any one year during the previous two mayoral administrations.

■ It is illegal for individuals to place signs in the public right of way without obtaining a city permit prior to placement. This includes real estate and political signage.

\$150M in Quality of Life Bond Projects Completed

The Department of Public Works is responsible for implementing citywide community improvement projects as part of the \$150M Quality of Life Bond Program. The Quality of Life Bond Referendum was approved in the year 2000, but the program did not begin until August of 2003 when DPW inherited it from the Planning Department. All projects under the first appropriation of \$63M were completed or were underway by June 2006, as mandated by the program objectives. This major undertaking by the Department of Public Works boasts projects completed as scheduled, several of which were constructed by women/minority contractors. Many of the City's neighborhoods are enjoying new sidewalks and crosswalks, recently resurfaced streets, as well as improved and enhanced traffic signalization and intersections. City forces worked tirelessly in collaboration with various contractors, governmental agencies, and the citizens of Atlanta to meet this goal. On July 20, 2006, Mayor Shirley Franklin, DPW

Commissioner David E. Scott, P.E., and the Atlanta City Council, formally announced the completion of the 1st Issue Bond funded projects during a ceremony in City Hall atrium (see event photos left and below).



Above: Mayor Franklin reads a proclamation flanked by Nick Popa, Greg Holder, Olufermi O. Fayemi, and Commissioner David Scott. Right: QOL Program Director, Sandra Jennings shares a moment with Mayor Shirley Franklin..



City breaks ground on Virginia Avenue-North Highland Avenue Streetscape Improvement Project

On Tuesday, June 13, 2006 - The Department of Public Works shared in a ground breaking ceremony with Anne Fauver, Atlanta City Council District 6, and the Virginia Highland Business and Civic Associations to commemorate the beginning of the Virginia Avenue-North Highland Avenue Streetscape Improvement Project. Improvements will include wider sidewalks as well as the installation of street trees. The project is planned for completion within approximately 6 months (prior to the winter holiday season).



Anne Fauver, Atlanta City Council District 6, and DPW representatives are joined by members of the Virginia-Highland Business and Civic Associations

DPW to hold public meetings to discuss "Solid Waste Service Areas"

The City of Atlanta is beginning the process to plan facilities that will more efficiently address current solid waste management needs and proactively prepare for future demands. Please plan to attend the meeting in your Solid Waste Service Area SWSA, meet the City's solid waste services experts and make a difference with YOUR input.

For meeting dates and times, please call 404-330-6240, e-mail publicworks@atlantaga.gov, or visit the following city website page: <http://www.atlantaga.gov/government/publicworks/programs.aspx>

Public Works Wants Your Opinion

Because customer service and customer perception are of key importance to the success of The Department of Public Works, DPW will launch a Customer Service Survey project this fall. The project involves DPW setting up survey stations at various locations on Saturdays in October and November, 2006. The tentative survey locations include: West End Mall, Greenbriar Mall, The shopping complex on Moreland, Ansley Mall, Peachtree Battle, Atlantic Station, Festival in Piedmont Park, The Beautiful Restaurant, Adamsville Recreation Center, and other locations to be announced. "We look forward to receiving this feedback," said Commissioner David Scott. "This information will help us better serve our customers." Surveyors from DPW will distribute printed surveys for customer to complete on the spot, or customers may opt to answer questions verbally. Customers will also be able to complete an on-line survey. Details of the on-line method will be announced later on the city website. As an incentive for the customers, DPW will give away a surprise gift to each customer completing a survey. In addition, on-site surveyors will have a supply of inquiry cards for customers who present service issues or questions.

For more information on surveys, e-mail: publicworks@atlantaga.gov or call Pamela Wilson at 404-330-6240.



Next Step Program Interns *preparing future business leaders*

This summer DPW had 23 interns that are a part of the Mayor's Next Step Program. The interns worked on a range of projects including: drafting new ordinances, video productions, safety procedures updates, hardware and software installations, an office administration. The Mayor's Next Step Program assists Atlanta Public School graduates create a plan for life after high school. The program reaches out to local businesses and community leaders to raise the necessary financial resources to provide first hand assistance in helping a student reach his or her dream. "The most effective strategy to uplift a community is to educate its youth," said Mayor Franklin. DPW's interns performed critical functions and augmented the DPW staff. "This program is a great opportunity both for the students and for this department," Commissioner Scott said. "It has been very rewarding for us to mentor these young people, who are the future leaders in business and government."



DPW's 2006 Next Step Interns



Pothole Posse smooths the route of Peachtree Road Race

The Pothole Posse has become the "Minutemen" of Public Works. This unit is always ready when called. Just ask participants of the Peachtree Road Race. The Pothole Posse repaired the streets along the race route, and as usual their hard work and diligence helped make the race a success. Their work was acknowledged by The Atlanta Track Club, WSB TV Channel 2 and the wheelchair participants during the broadcasting of the race. The Commissioner and Department of Public Works salutes the Pothole Posse for another job well done! *Photo: Pothole Posse*

Atlanta residents who live in certain areas impacted by public parking for special events may apply for residential parking permits. The permits enable residents access to parking in their own neighborhoods. Vehicles who don't display permits in these designated areas are subject to be ticketed and/or towed. The residential parking program applies to specific streets in the following neighborhoods:

residential parking permits

- Ansley Park
- Home Park
- Adkins Park
- Myrtle Street
- Inman Park
- Summer Hill
- Inwood Circle

The permit, which costs \$12, is good for one year. To find out if your street is part of the permit program, request a permit application, or to obtain more information, please call **Vallory Russell at 404-330-6501**



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DPW's Everyday Heroes

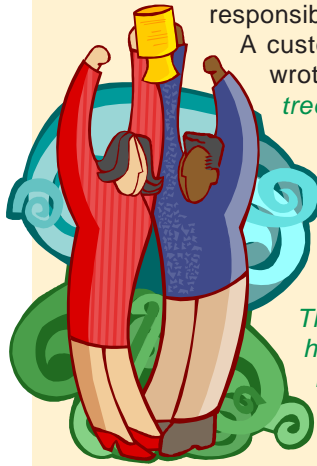
going beyond the call of duty

The Atlanta Police Department commended the Solid Waste Services group who worked on May 14, 2006 at the Sweet Auburn Festival. Tony Milner, Derrick Shelton, Wanda High and Supervisor Betty Roberts worked this day to maintain sanitation, but, found themselves searching for a missing child. Sgt. M. A. Shepherd stated, *"Many other units would have left this task for the police to handle, but these men and women joined in the search and because of their extra efforts the lost child was found. the parents and I were most appreciative and couldn't thank them enough. These employees exceeded their job expectations, and it is such employees as these that leave a positive impression with citizens and visitors of the City of Atlanta."*



Way to go!

Theodore Morton, Sarah Williams and Perry James are responsible for yard trimmings collections.



A customer on their route, Ms. Spruell, wrote, *"While sometimes the piles of tree branches can get out of hand, Theodore, Sarah and Perry get everything cleaned up quickly and seem to enjoy their work. I live in the city because I like the sense of community that you don't always get in the suburbs. Theodore always waves to me when he sees me out walking my dog. The kind of friendly conscientious work attitude this team exudes is one of the many reasons I love my neighborhood."*

Good work team!

On June 7, 2006, around 11:45 a.m., DPW received a call from an Officer with the Atlanta Police Department. He informed DPW of a heroic act by DPW Supervisor Carvell Tatuem and Electrician Assistant Sabu Wilson. The officer stated, *"While at Juniper and Seventh Street a thief broke the window out of a car and stole a purse. The men (Tatem and Wilson) gave chase and were able to retrieve the stolen purse, though the thief was not caught."*

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Working for Atlanta,
working for you!**

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Program; Francello Phillips-Calhoun, Wesley Community Centers; **Rev. Robert Rice, Jr.**, Brown Avenue Missionary Baptist Church; **Sally Silver**, Buckhead Business Association; **Barry M. Slay**, Northwest Business Association; **Mark Taylor**, The HT Group; **Jenny Voigt DeV Vaughn**, Cambridge Professional Group; **Rev. Eric Thomas**, St. Peter Missionary Baptist Church; **Saundi Wilson**, Atlanta Planning Advisory Board and **Dr. Walter Young**, Cascade Business Association. In addition to the SWAC the city will solicit broad community input via public meetings in each council district. "Community input is critical to establishing facilities that will meet the growing demand for the disposal of our waste," said David Scott, Commissioner of Public Works. "It is imperative that the needs, values and priorities of the neighborhoods we serve are factored into the design, location and development of solid waste facilities."

Contact Numbers

- New Trash Service
 - Trash Bin
 - Recycle Bin
- Missed Collections
- Yard Trimmings
- Bulk Collections
404-330-6333
- Pothole
- Asphalt issue
404-POTHOLE
- Streets lights out
- Traffic light problems
Call 404-330-6501
- Red Light Camera tickets & appeals
404-658-6940
- Parking Meters
404-541-4365
- Illegal Dumping
404-521-DUMP
- Employment w/DPW
- Speakers Bureau
- School Career Day
404-330-6240
- Water & Sewer
- Storm Drains
- Water Bills
404-330-6081